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Life & Laughter

Just a Mom

By Peri Kinder

For years I was just a mom. When people asked what I did for a living, I'd respond, "I'm just a stay-at-home mom." Ironically, I was never home. I was shuttling kids to and from softball, swimming, dance, school and the mall. I spent approximately 20 years living in my van—and I wasn't even homeless.

Being a full-time mom is exhausting. People who've never spent 24 hours with small children have no idea how listening to the opening notes of "Sesame Street" for the billionth time can make your ear drums bleed.

I'd wake up early to enjoy some alone time and hear the shuffling of pajama-footed feet as a toddler waddled into the kitchen and onto my lap where she rested against my chest, smelling like baby shampoo, warm blankets and dreams. I'd put my nose in her hair, inhale that scent and think: remember this.

I'd snuggle with my daughters on the couch with piles of library books. We'd read about hungry caterpillars, wicked witches, Sneetches, wild things and little blue engines. I'd share stories about being kind, wise and brave, and I'd pray those messages would stick.

A favorite activity was making cinnamon rolls, letting the girls bake their own sugar-covered creations. They would be coated with flour, butter and cinnamon, and the same ingredients blanketed the floor, but it was okay. It was cleanable. Memories



lasted longer than spilled milk.

Depending on the day, my girls were princesses, gypsies, cheerleaders or demons. They'd walk down the sidewalk with pink, plastic high-heeled shoes slapping the soles of their feet, or wear queen costumes while racing on Big Wheels, catching the fabric under the wheels until all their dresses had shredded hems.

There were thousands of homework assignments, reading logs and math quizzes, and hundreds of times hearing: "My teacher hates me" or "I don't get it. Explain it again."

At night, there were bedtime stories, bedtime songs and bedtime prayers: all the rituals kids need to keep their moms around a few more moments, delaying sleep just a little bit longer.

But sleep was never a reprieve. I'd often go from coma-level slumber to caffeine-addict wide awake in five seconds

or less, wakened by a cry, and sometimes the undeniably disgusting sound of vomit hitting the sheets or carpet.

And the next day I'd do it all again.

I was so jealous of my neighbor. She'd go to work each morning dressed in a classy skirt and blazer, looking important and doing important things. She was able to talk to grown-ups all day, and probably didn't have to tell any co-worker to stop wiping their boogers on the couch.

She didn't go to bed scraping Play-Doh out of her hair. She didn't watch Cinderella all day or have to be the Ken doll all the time. I schlepped around the house 24/7 in stained yoga pants and T-shirts, listening to poop jokes and kids telling on each other.

Because the grass is always greener, maybe she wished she could be a slacker like me, eating cold fish sticks and playing Chutes and Ladders for hours at a time.

We were far from rich, but we were also far from poor. It was a time when Band-Aids and kisses healed skinned knees, and chocolate chip cookies and hugs mended broken hearts. And even though it was an emotionally, mentally and physically exhausting time, I'm so grateful for my daughters' childhoods.

I'm so thankful I was able to play and laugh and love. Even though I was just a mom.

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Jamie Vincent

From: Jeff Haaga
Sent: Thursday, May 21, 2015 10:55 AM
To: Jamie Vincent
Subject: Fwd: West Jordan Journal- May 2015
Attachments: Newsletter-minutes.pdf; ATT00001.htm; Pages from BudgetBook-2014-15-web.pdf; ATT00002.htm

Include this in my agenda item. Please paste the entire email.

Sent from my iPhone

Jeff Haaga

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Kim Wells" <kimw@wjordan.com>
To: "Bryce Haderlie" <bryceh@wjordan.com>, "Jeff Haaga" <jeffh@wjordan.com>
Cc: "Ben Southworth" <councilmansouthworth@gmail.com>, "Chad Nichols" <ChadN@wjordan.com>, "Chris McConnehey" <chrism@wjordan.com>, "jutithh@wjordan.com" <jutithh@wjordan.com>, "Sophie Rice" <SophieR@wjordan.com>, "Kim V. Rolfe" <kimr@wjordan.com>, "Chad Woolley" <cwoolley@me.com>, "Tracy Scott Cowdell" <tcowdell@me.com>, "Judy Hansen" <Judyh@wjordan.com>, "Eric Johnson" <eric@bcjlaw.net>
Subject: RE: West Jordan Journal- May 2015

Hi Bryce,

Attached is the information Melanie pulled together on May 12th in response to a newsletter budget question. The City has never had a contract with the Journal. It is a budgeted line item. I've attached the budget page that highlights the newsletter budget.

The Journal is an independent paper, and the City has no control over the content except for on the pages we purchase for the City newsletter. The City started inserting the newsletter in the Journal in 2001 to save money and increase the frequency of delivery (it used to be quarterly and mailed to homes). With the Journal, we have the flexibility to scale our insertion order up or down in page count to match our information needs. This arrangement is cost effective. Of course, there are pros and cons to any option, and cost isn't always the most important factor. I regularly evaluate communications tools and specifically city newsletter options. (In fact, last year as president of the Utah Association of Government Communicators, I hosted a session devoted exclusively to city newsletter options so we could all compare ideas.) There are some really nice newsletters out there that are printed and mailed, but the cost is more than what we currently spend. I have this information and am happy to provide it so that the Council can reevaluate our newsletter.

With respect to the article and editorial that are in the May Journal, here are some things that might be of interest:

1. They opted to assign a new reporter with no ties to West Jordan and no history on the issues so that he would have no bias.

2. I asked that they please be fair and talk to all sides.
3. Because this is largely a political issue, I told them as the City PIO I would not comment on anything and told them to talk to the elected officials. I texted the Mayor and Councilman Southworth to let them know Lewi Lewis with the Journal would be contacting them.
4. I did provide answers to basic questions like "Why does a City Council go into closed session?" I shared a link to the code that outlines the specific reasons. And "What date was Jeff Robinson put on administrative leave?" I also provided phone numbers and suggested that he review council minutes and audio to get up to speed on the issues.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

Kim Wells
City of West Jordan
Communications Manager/PIO
801-569-5163

-----Original Message-----

From: Bryce Haderlie
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 9:16 PM
To: Jeff Haaga
Cc: Ben Southworth; Chad Nichols; Chris McConnehey; jutithh@wjordan.com; Sophie Rice; Kim V. Rolfe; Chad Woolley; Tracy Scott Cowdell; Judy Hansen; Eric Johnson
Subject: RE: West Jordan Journal- May 2015

Jeff,

I spoke with Kim Wells today to determine how the City has worked with the Journal over the years. She reported that there has been a working relationship since I believe 2001 but she is not aware of a contract. I've asked her to look into this.

Can you please explain why you feel that the articles were paid for by the taxpayer? I'm also unsure how the quotes in the article are to be considered city policy? I'm willing to confirm with our legal staff that the actions of the elected and appointed official are not violating the law.

Best Wishes,

Bryce

P.S. I am concerned that some of the email addresses that you have included are not the correct council addresses and may be going to non-elected officials. It would also be helpful if you include Eric Johnson in these emails if you are adding Tracy and Chad so that all members of the hired legal team are informed. Thanks

-----Original Message-----

From: Jeff Haaga
Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 8:54 PM
To: Bryce Haderlie
Cc: Ben Southworth; Chad Nichols; Chris McConnehey; jutithh@wjordan.com; Sophie Rice; Kim V. Rolfe; Chad Woolley; Tracy Scott Cowdell
Subject: Re: West Jordan Journal- May 2015

Bryce,

Since we advertise (meaning we spend tax payer money) in the West Jordan Journal and since the Staff is quoted in very poorly written story and editorial we might want to check our contract. I want to be able to tell residents that I represent why staff members are talking about

their elected officials and why we pay these folks thousands of dollars a month. We might want a disclaimer on the paid article saying "paid for by the tax payer" so they don't confuse someones opinion like a staff member or chief of police comment as city policy. Now that we have legal competent representation these are things someone in City Manager position should do get legal opinions. It's freedom of speech as long as you are not spending tax payers money for your opinion.

Please note Council Members can make comments to the press however state code says the Mayor is the spokesperson of the City.

"He shall be the chief ceremonial officer of the municipality and shall represent the municipality in all its external relationships." Note the word ALL.

Yeah please at least get me the contract ASAP. I can't see it in the budget so I need you to direct staff to get it for me at least so I can explain the facts to the residents that will call. I'm sure my phone will start to ring.

Thanks for your service!

An FYI David Oka did a fantastic job at ISCS. He is valuable asset to our city growth.

Jeff Haaga

From: Jeff Haaga

Sent: Wednesday, May 20, 2015 11:16 AM

To: Bryce Haderlie

Cc: Ben Southworth; Bryce Haderlie; Chad Nichols; Chris McConnehey; juithh@wjordan.com; Sophie Rice; Kim V. Rolfe; Chad Woolley; Tracy Scott Cowdell

Subject: Re: West Jordan Journal- May 2015

Bryce,

Please send this to our city attorneys since we are an advertiser in this paper via a contact it's important we get legal advise on there obligation to the city. Also please send the contract to all council members and attorneys ASAP. I've not read the article and frankly it is what it is, but this email to us as a governing body seems threatening.

Sent from my iPhone

Jeff Haaga

On May 20, 2015, at 8:32 AM, Bryan Scott <bryandeanscott@me.com> wrote:

Good Morning Mayor, Council members, and City Manager.

This week the May issue of the West Jordan Journal will be hitting the homes of our city. As you all are probably aware of, we were forced to write on the recent issues concerning the allegations, investigations, and meetings involving the

council and/or the councils actions. This was very uncomfortable for me. The Mayor and Kim Wells gave such a strong welcome to me, when I decided to save the West Jordan Journal after it was discarded by the previous owners. Our team works very closely with Kim Wells and I have met with Mayor Rolfe several times over the last year and half, to help with issues like Prison Relocation and New Car Dealers. Even holding the paper from publishing so that the city could get an ad in there.

I have enjoyed my relationship with the city of West Jordan and I hope to have a long lasting relationship with the city and each of you. That being said the two stories that we published this week concerning this matter(s) may make you question if you want the same. There is no sugar coating these two articles that we published. The two stories are very critical, straight-forward, and to some of you they will come across very damaging. Some of you will disagree, but we tried to be very diplomatic, neutral, and balanced through out the news story.

The first is a news story based on the facts and questions about the departure of Jeff Robinson. We decided to focus on this story at the time, even though it is very evident that this is just one sliver of the whole story.

The second is an editorial done by me, it is very harsh and very straightforward. Some of you might read this editorial and want to call me names and/or dam me for what I said. I am prepared for that. But just so you know I did not enjoy writing this editorial and it caused me much grief, but at the end of the day I felt your actions left me with no choice. My words in the paper may come out as anger, it is not so much anger as it is disappointment. I do business with just about every municipality in this county, and am extremely disappointed in what I see with the West Jordan Council. You seven council members along with the city manager literally make decisions that impact me in many ways but none more than you manage the city that my kids are growing up. As with any parent, I want the best for my kids and right now you are not collectively delivering that.

Lewi and my writers will continue to cover the council and this issue, I hope that each of you continue to cooperate with them moving forward. I am firm believer in compromise and logical thinking. I believe if each of you can do the same, we can come through this and get back on track. I invite any and all of you to submit letters to the editors for the upcoming issue of the West Jordan Journal. I am also available (208 815 0151) to any of you for feedback, comment, suggestion, or name calling. I prefer not the name calling.

Thanks

Bryan Scott

Publisher

West Jordan Journal

PUBLIC INFORMATION
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	ACTUAL	ADJUSTED	YEAR-END	ADOPTED
	FY 12-13	BUDGET	ESTIMATE	BUDGET
	FY 12-13	FY 13-14	FY 13-14	FY 14-15
<u>SALARIES & BENEFITS</u>				
4110000 SALARIES FULL-TIME	0	42,613	56,698	59,151
4110001 SALARIES PART/SEASONAL	0	13,759	0	0
4110030 SICK LEAVE BUYOUT	0	300	466	500
4130110 RETIREMENT	0	7,270	10,988	11,987
4130120 MEDICAL & DENTAL INSURANCE	0	4,324	3,565	5,900
4130130 WORKERS COMPENSATION	0	255	90	266
4130140 LONG-TERM DISABILITY	0	296	60	589
4130150 UNEMPLOYMENT	0	217	284	296
4130160 VEHICLE ALLOWANCE	0	503	531	503
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>				
4215000 MEMBERSHIPS	0	50	514	50
4240000 OFFICE SUPPLIES	0	185	162	2,785
4280000 TELEPHONE	0	500	385	500
4310000 PROFESSIONAL & TECHNICAL	0	10,440	12,155	17,440
4610060 NEWSLETTER	0	22,800	14,657	28,800
<u>CAPITAL OUTLAYS</u>				
4740102 OFFICE & FURNISHING	0	0	0	0
TOTAL PUBLIC INFORMATION	0	103,512	100,555	128,767
FUNCTIONAL SUMMARY				
SALARIES & BENEFITS	0	69,537	72,682	79,192
OPERATING EXPENSES	0	33,975	27,873	49,575
CAPITAL OUTLAYS	0	0	0	0
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL AREAS	0	103,512	100,555	128,767

Note: In 2012-2013 the Public Information program was moved from the City Manager to Administrative Services. That is why there are zeros in the 2012-13 column. The newsletter budget for that year was also \$22,800, with \$20,900 actually spent.

MEMORANDUM

Newsletter
Discussion
a History

To: Ryan Bradshaw, Finance Manager
From: Melanie Briggs, City Clerk
Date: May 12, 2015
Subject: Budget information

I was asked to research the following questions regarding items in the 2015-2016 Budget. Here are the responses and/or documents that my office had:

• Supply the contract with the Utah League of Cities and Towns.

- The City of West Jordan has never had a contract with the League. It is basically a membership. During the budget process every year, the City Council considers if they still desire to maintain the membership. I have provided a set of minutes from April 29, 2018, when the Council at the time chose not to renew the membership for that year.

• Supply West Jordan Chamber of Commerce contract.

- I have attached the fully executed document for this fiscal year. This is a contract that is approved annually by the City Council.

Please show the contract to West Jordan Journals.

- The City of West Jordan has never had a contract with the Journal. It is similar to the League, where it is budget on a fiscal basis. I have provided a number of minutes addressing this expenditure. The City Council initially began using the South Valley Journal in February 6, 2001.

I hope this information is sufficient. If you need anything else, please do not hesitate to ask.

Cc: Bryce Haderlie, Interim City Manager

Kim.
FH

I. CEREMONIES

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Paul Clayton. The invocation was offered by Tyler Cazier.

FIRE DEPARTMENT BADGE PINNING CEREMONY

Chief Jake Nielson expressed his appreciation to the Council for allowing the promotion awards of the members of the Fire Department. Captain Pratt, Battalion Chiefs Ivie and Larsen, and Assistant Fire Chief Wardle were recognized for their advancements in the Fire Department. Jake Nielson gave a brief employment history on each individual. Gary Luebbers presented each individual with a certificate. The wives of each individual presented their husbands with their new badges. The Council congratulated each Fire individual.

SWEARING IN DEPUTY CITY RECORDER

Melanie Briggs, City Recorder, administered the Oath of Office to Carol Herman, Deputy City Recorder.

II. PRESENTATIONS

SOUTH VALLEY JOURNAL

Craig Dearing, Chamber President, indicated Boyd Peterson, was the Publisher for the South Valley Journal. He indicated they would be putting together a monthly newspaper for the residents of West Jordan. The paper would now be called the West Jordan Journal.

Boyd Peterson gave a brief history on the South Valley Journal. He introduced Linda Peterson, Editor, and Laura Powell, reporter.

Linda Peterson gave a brief review of what the West Jordan Journal would be like. She felt West Jordan would be served in a way it had never been served before. They would attend every Council meeting to understand each of the issues. They were a very objective voice. It was not their place on what to tell the community what to think. She offered each Councilmember a column that would be in the paper twice a year.

Boyd Peterson suggested the City include the newsletter in the newspaper every month. They would be able to cut the City cost considerably. He said the cost would be \$1,000 per month with one page per month and it would carry the heading of "Good Neighbor News." The newspaper would be mailed once a month to every Zip code of 84084 and 84088.

MOTION: Mayor Evans moved that the City would do the Good Neighbor News through the West Jordan Journal. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Allison.

Mayor Evans said the cost would be cut in half. She was in favor of saving the City funds.

Councilmember Haight felt this issue should be discussed further before a decision was made.